Regularisation of unauthorised Colonies

2179. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have agreed to regularise all unauthorised colonies in existence as on August 1990;

(b) if so, the names of such colonies;

(c) the date by which these are likely to be regularised; and

(d) the details of basic facilities like sewerage, water, electricity and roads likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGAN) : (a) to (d) No decision to regularise the post 1977 unauthorised colonies in Delhi has been taken. According to the Delhi Water and Sewage Disposal Undertaking and Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, water and electricity are provided on payment of prescribed charges to the beneficiaries of unauthorised colonies which were in existence prior to 1-1-1981 as per decision of the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi in 1986.

Fire in AIIMS

2180. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the various buildings housing Central Government offices continue to remain unprotected against fire hazards;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi, dated the 28th April, 1993 under the caption 'Equipment qutted in AIIMS fire';

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether adequate safety measures are not available in the building; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The 55 high-rise buildings which remain unprotected against fire hazard were constructed prior to the enactment of the Delhi Fire Safety and Prevention Act, 1986 which makes it mandatory for all high rise buildings to be cleared from fire safety angle. It has been reported by the Delhi Fire Service that 10-11 points out of the mandatory 12 items of fire safety measures have already been completed in such buildings.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A fire broke out on 27-4-93 in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences causing damage in the teaching block. The fire was brought under control by the Delhi Fire Service. No injury to any person was reported. Hospital services and patient care was not affected.

(d) and (e) An enquiry has been ordered into the incident by a Committee with the following terms of referenie :

—to ascertain the facts and circumstances leading to the outbreak of the fire and the cause thereof;

—to ascertain the quantum and extent of damage caused by the fire;

—to determine whether the fire safety arrangements at the Institute were adequate with reference to the prescribed provisions;

—to examine whether appropriate action was taken to extinguish the fire and to minimise the damage caused therefrom

and to identify inadequacies or lapses if any in this regard;

—to make recommendations with regard to preventive measures as well as arrangements for dealing with such emergencies in future.

Excess payment made by N.P.C.C.

2181. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of excess payment to a private contractor at Chamera Unit of NPCC Limited under the approval of the then Executive Director (Northern Region) of NPCC was registered with CBI for necessary inquiry and investigations; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned Executive Director (Northern Region) of NPCC Limited was subsequently appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of NPCC Limited in October, 1990 by Government; and if so, why such an appointment made during the pendency of the said inquiry against the officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The issue of appointment during pendency of inquiry does not arise.

Tender submitted by N.P.C.C.

2182. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Corporate Office of N.P.C.C. Limited prepared a tender for construction of Tonghabadra Barrage in Andhra Pradesh and sent it to its Company's Hyderabad Office for submission on 2nd December, 1991 :

(b) whether it is a fact that the said tender was not submitted in time to the Department as a result of which N.P.C.C. failed to bag this work of nearly Rs. 25.0 crores; and

(c) what are the facts and details behind the late submission of the said tender by N.P.C.C. and whether any action was taken against the officials responsible for this delay in submission of the said tender ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The then Deputy General Manager incharge of Hyderabad Office of N.P.C.C. on reportedly receiving a threatening call sent the tender by registered post a shortwhile before the opening of the tenders on the due date. Preliminary investigations did not hold him responsible for the delay in submission of the tender.

Awarding of Sub-contracts by N.P.P.C,

2183. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that N.P.C.C. Limited floated in 1990 limited tenders to sub-contract works worth Rs. 2.5 crores as its Mahakali Irrigation Projects, Nepal instead of giving the tender in open press; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the lowest bid received by N.P.C.C. against the above tender was 5 per cent less than the estimated rates of N.P.C.C. but